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## **Muppets™, Music & Magic: Jim Henson's Legacy** 9/19 – 9/25 *Featuring Kevin Clash, puppeteer and voice of Elmo*

**All-access pass: \$60. Individual ticket prices listed below.**

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### **Monday, September 19**

**3:30pm** Sesame Street at 40: Milestones on the Street Admission: \$5

*81 minutes; for ages 3 and up.* This “best-of” compilation features dozens of classic moments in the forty-year history of the show, including excerpts from the first episode, celebrity guests, and some of the best bits from Ernie and Bert, Big Bird, Snuffy, and the rest of the gang.

### **Tuesday, September 20**

**10am** Muppet Fairytales Admission: \$5

*70 minutes, for ages 3 and up.* *The Frog Prince* (1971) and *The Elves and the Shoemaker* (1994).

**3:30pm** Sing! The Music of Sesame Street Admission: \$5

*Introduction by Nick Raposo, son of Joe Raposo, the first music director of Sesame Street. 82 minutes; for ages 3 and up.* A joyous, sometimes hilarious and poignant salute to forty years of Sesame Street music, featuring the original show classics, parodies, and special visits from some of the music industry's biggest names.

### **Wednesday, September 21**

**2pm** The Art of Puppetry and Storytelling Admission: \$5

*70 minutes; for ages 6 and up.* Go behind the scenes to witness the magic of the Muppets in this compilation of rare footage of the wide variety of puppetry created by Jim Henson. See a classic episode of *The Muppet Show* (1979), directed by Philip Casson. A highlight of the program: Harry Belafonte sings and African song with puppets derived from traditional masks. Another kind of puppetry is used in *The Storyteller: The Heartless Giant* (1989), directed by Jim Henson.

**3:30pm** Puppet-Making Workshop with Dan Weissbrodt, local puppet artist.

*At The Log on Spring Street. For ages 6-12.* Make your own puppet and learn how puppetry translates to the screen! Bring your own sock to make into a puppet! **Participation is free but pre-registration is required.** Email or call Janet at [janet@imagescinema.org](mailto:janet@imagescinema.org) or 458.1039 to register! Register by Friday, 9/16 at 5pm.

### **Thursday, September 22**

**1pm** Muppet Music Moments Admission: \$5

*77 minutes; for ages 3 and up.* Music was always an integral part of *The Muppet Show*, and here is a collection of some of the classic music numbers interpreted as only the Muppets can. This compilation features a wide range of musical genres including performances by Harry Belafonte, Elton John, and Linda Ronstadt.

**4:30pm** Commercials and Experiments Admission: \$5

*60 minutes, for ages 13 and up.* A mind-blowing collection of shorts, crazy commercials, and other rarities from the Henson vault. Highlights include: an industrial film for Wilson's Meat that must be seen to be believed, excerpts from experimental TV programs *The Cube* and *Youth 68*, and “Time Piece,” an 8-minute masterpiece that showcases Henson's talent for making music out of everyday sounds.

**Turn over for weekend events!**

## Friday, September 23

### 5pm Cookies & Cocktails with Kevin Clash

At The Purple Pub on Spring Street. Admission included in *Muppet History 101* ticket price.

A reception for kids and adults with Kevin Clash, performer of Sesame Street's Elmo.

**Kevin Clash** performs several roles on Sesame Street, but he is most well-known for his development of the internationally recognized and adored red monster, Elmo. Clash won Emmy Awards for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series for his work as Elmo and Hoots the Owl on Sesame Street in Seasons 21, 35 and 36, and in 2001-2006 for his work as co-executive producer for Outstanding Pre-School Children's Series.

### 7pm *Muppet History 101* with Kevin Clash      \$10 for members and kids; \$15 general admission

(67 minutes +; For ages 11 and up) This unique program of rarities examines the origins of the Muppets. Includes early live TV appearances, unusual commercials, guest spots on the Jimmy Dean and Dick Cavett Shows, and much more. Plus, this program contains excerpts from the rarely seen pilot for what would become *The Muppet Show*, *The Muppets: Sex and Violence* featuring a tribute to the Seven Deadly Sins.

## Saturday, September 24

### 10am *Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* with Kevin Clash      Admission: \$5

73 minutes; for ages 4 and up. Elmo loses his beloved fuzzy blanket in far-off Grouchland. Nothing will deter him from retrieving his treasured possession from the greedy Huxley (Mandy Patinkin), plunging him into a series of adventures, including a battle of wits with the Queen of Trash (Vanessa Williams). His *Sesame Street* buddies come to the rescue and help him learn a valuable lesson about sharing and friendship.

### 12pm Jim Henson Birthday Party + Conversation with Kevin Clash

At Goodrich Hall, \$10 for members and kids; \$15 general admission. If Jim Henson were still living, his 75th birthday would be on Saturday, September 24. Come celebrate his birthday with us!

## Sunday, September 25

### 2pm *The Great Muppet Caper* with screenwriter Jay Tarses via skype      Admission: \$5

95 minutes; for ages 5 and up. Intrepid reporters Kermit, Fozzie, and Gonzo go to London to interview fashion designer Lady Holiday, whose jewels have been stolen. When the thieves strike again and Miss Piggy is accused of the crime, it's Kermit and friends to the rescue. Memorable eccentrics like John Cleese and Peter Falk join the fun, but the scenes with Miss Piggy on a motorcycle steal the show.

**Jay Tarses** is a television and film writer, actor and producer. He was an executive producer for *The Bob Newhart Show*, starred as Coach Bobby Finstock in *Teen Wolf*, and co-wrote the screenplay for *The Muppets Take Manhattan* and *The Great Muppet Caper*. He won an Emmy for Outstanding Writing Achievement in Variety or Music for *The Carol Burnett Show* in 1967. Tarses attended Williams College and is a Williamstown resident.

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